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Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1264 with a release date of Friday, November 2nd, 2001 to follow in 5-4-3-2-1.

The following is a Q-S-T.

Hand held radios to Antarctica, Georgia to host the 2002 United States Amateur Radio Direction Finding championship games and the F-C-C takes action on illegal C-B radios. These stories are first on Amateur Radio Newsline report number 1264 coming your way right now.

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HAM RADIO TECHNOLOGY: IRLP REACHES ANTARCTICA

Imagine picking up your H-T, calling your friend and asking him how the weather is. He responds with a crisp clear signal and tells you that its 70 below Zero and snowing. Outside your window the thermometer says its 80 and you plan a day at the beach. Welcome to the world of Internet Repeater Linking as the system expands its global coverage to Antarctica. Nate Dueher, WYZ0X, has more from Denver Colorado:

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The Internet Radio Linking Project has come to Antartica. On October 23rd, Chuck N0NHJ, set up the first Internet radio link on the continent. A few days later we caught Chuck and a few other hams on the air to ask him a few questions. Let's listen in...

Terry, N0PQV in Denver, Colorado was the first to say hello:

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I got a chance to ask a question of Chuck that I wanted to know. Chuck, how many hams are on the station and how many are active on IRLP?

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And yet another question from Ian, M0CJY in Rottherham, Yorkshire, England...

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[recording]
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One of the other questions we had was Justin KC0LBH who wanted to know all about that famous Anartic daylight:

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[recording]
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That's all we have time for today. If you'd like more information on the IRLP project on the World Wide Web, go to www.irlp.net. This is Nate Duehr, WY0X reporting.

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Once again, if you are interested in tying your repeater to the Internet Repeater Linking Project go to www.irlp.net on the world wide web. (NY0X, ARNewsline(tm)) {This complete very ecxciting QSO is available in RealAudio at www.arnewsline.org on the FTP transfer page}

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RADIOSPORTS: ATLANTA TO HOST NEXT US ARDF CHAMPIONSHIP GAMES

The South-East will host the next United States 2002 Amateur Radio Direction Finding competition. Newsline's Joe Moell, K0OV, tells us where and when the event will be held.

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The Georgia Orienteering Club has been selected to host the second USA Radio-Orienteering Championships, to take place April 19-21, 2002. The competition will get under way near Atlanta on Friday afternoon with a practice event, followed on Saturday by the main two-meter hunt and on Sunday by the 80-meter hunt.

In addition to the hunts, there will be a cookout on Friday evening, a dinner on Saturday night, and an award ceremony following the 80 meter hunt, all included in the registration fee. Lodging options include cabins in the park and campgrounds with RV hookups. There are also many local motels and bed-and-breakfast inns.

Standard international rules will be used for these foxhunts, which are all on foot in beautiful woods near Callaway Gardens. The Championships are open to anyone, beginner or expert.

Slovakia will host the next World Championships of foxhunting in fall 2002. Positions on USA's team that will travel to these championships will be determined by individual performances in the Atlanta event, as well as in last summer's USA Championships in Albuquerque.

It's not too early to start making plans to attend the second Radio-Orienteering Championships near Atlanta. For more details and registration information, see the official Championships Web site. The exact URL is rather long, but you can get there in just a couple of clicks by going to my foxhunting Web site: www.homingin.com. That's "homingin" -- as one word -- homingin.com. Or you can write to me at my callbook address.

From sunny southern California, where foxhunters are already practicing for the championships, this is Joe Moell K0OV, for the Amateur Radio Newsline.

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Again, the web address for more information is www.homingin.com. (ARNewsline(tm), K0OV)

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ENFORCEMENT: FCC VS ILLEGAL CB SETS

The FCC has gone after some illegal gear seemingly designed for operation on the Class D 11 meter Citizens Band. This, as it issues a citation to an alleged supplier of the equipment in Oregon. Amateur Radio Newsline’s Norm Steely, KI7UP has the details.

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In its September 17th letter to Truck-n-Travel and copied to its owner, Eugene Trucking Haven, FCC Portland Oregon Resident Agent Ben Nugen leaves no doubt as to what is going to happen. Either stop selling non-FCC Certified radio gear or the consequences.

His letter states that last July 23 that agents from the FCC observed uncertified Citizens Band radios displayed and offered for sale inside the Truck-n-Travel located on East Pearl Street in the city of Coberg. The FCC says the radios included four models from Galaxy and one from a company called Delta Force. The Commission says its records show that one of these CB sets have been granted an FCC equipment authorization. It warns Truck-n-Travel that the marketing of these CB radios, or even just advertising them is a violation of Sections 2.803 and 15.101 of the Commission’s rules. It tells Truck-n-Travel that it can fine them up to $10,000 per violation per day and

that can go on to a maximum of $82,500.

The letter then gives Truck-n-Travel the same warning that numerous ham radio violators have received over the past several years. It tells the company that, in accordance with Section 503(b)(5) of the Communications Act, it has 14 days from the date it received the citation to submit any statement it has to make concerning the alleged violation. And the FCC adds that the Commission staff will use all relevant material information it has -- including information disclosed in the Truck-n-Travel reply to determine what, if any, enforcement action is required to assure current and future rules compliance.

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More on this case as information is made available. (FCC)

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ENFORCEMENT: NY REPEATER UNDER SCRUTINY

The FCC has told a repeater owner to explain the operation of his machine. A repeater that FCC Special Counsel Riley Hollingsworth says is on the air all by itself:

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Hollingsworth: “We opened an audit of a repeater opewrating in Elmhurst New York, KB2PRV, after our evidence showed no identification, no appart control operator, and no apparent coordination.”
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Hollingsworth says that the letter of inquiry went to Ramon D. Florimon who holds the KB2PRV callsign. He was given 30 days from reciept of the October 2nd letter to respond to the FCC. (FCC)

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BREAK 1

This is ham radio news coming to you from the United States of America. We are the Amateur Radio Newsline, heard on bulletin stations around the world, including the Southern California Amateur Teleprinter Society net serving West Covina California.

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RADIO REGULATIONS: FCC CLARIFIES FUTURE OF CORES

The FCC's Wireless Telecommunications Bureau has clarified several issues regarding Amateur Service implementation of the Commission Registration System--or CORES. The ARRL Letter says that starting December 3, everyone doing business with the FCC--including amateur licensees--must obtain and use a

10-digit FCC Registration Number when filing.

Amateur licensees now registered in the Universal Licensing System or U-L-S already have been cross-registered in CORES and issued a FCC Registration Number by mail. The FCC said it planned another cross-registration by November 28th. Amateurs can check to see if they have an FCC Registration Number via a U-L-S license search. Many Internet call sign servers, including ARRL's, also can provide this information. (ARRL)

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RESCUE RADIO: JUNGLE RESCUE ASSIST

Ham radio played a role in reuniting with his family a man who had been hiding in the jungles of Guatemala for over three decades. The C-Q Magazine website reports that 72-year-old Salomon Vides of El Salvador emerged from the Guatemalan jungle recently after hiding there for 32 years from a war that lasted about 100 hours.

In 1969, El Salvador invaded Honduras and Vides, a migrant worker, ran into the jungle to escape retaliatory raids. The Organization of American States quickly brought the war to an end, but Vides says he never got the word. He was discovered in August by Rene Sonabo, a taxi driver and Guatemalan ham radio operator, and Sonabo's son. After persuading Vides that no one was trying to kill him, Sonabo used his amateur station to relay the news to Vides's stunned family in El Salvador. He has since been reunited with his brother, but the family had not been able to locate his wife and three children. (CQ)

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THE LAW: THE COST OF ATTACHING TO POLES

The United States Supreme Court is examining a complex Internet case that could eventually affect the availability of online services and what most people pay for them. The court is expected to rule by next summer on a fight over the cost of establishing and maintaining some Internet and wireless networks.

Specifically, the fight concerns the rent that cable television companies must pay utilities to attach wires for high-speed Internet service to the utilities' poles, and whether the Federal Communications Commission can control the rate. The justices also will consider whether cellular telephone companies are entitled to pay government-limited rates for attaching their equipment to utility poles.

A federal appeals panel ruled last year that the FCC does not have the authority to regulate pole rental rates for Internet service. The FCC claims Congress intended it to have that power. The Supreme Court will decide. (Published News Reports)

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REPEATER OWNERS ATTENTION: RADIO TOWERS FOR SALE

Are you a repeater owner or a club that operates a repeater? Have you ever dreamed of owning your own mountain-top or high rise repeater site? Well if you have, listen up.

In an e-mail to Amateur Radio Newsline, Tom Swierczewski, the Zoning Representative for American Tower Corporation says that the company has several hundred communications towers for sale throughout the United States. According to Swierczewski, sites vary in height from 100 to 400 feet tall and many include large buildings.

If you or anyone you know is interested in this or if you want to receive additional information on specific tower sites, please contact Swierczewski at American Tower Corporation. The information you need to do this is in the printed edition of this weeks Amateur Radio Newsline report. More information is in cyberspace at www.americantower.com.

(Contact information: 1101 Perimeter Drive, Suite 225, Schaumburg, Illinois 60173. His phone number is 847-240-1508 X 663 - Central US time. E-mail is thomas.swierczewski@americantower.com.) (Tom Swierczewski)

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HAM RADIO BUSINESS: VK MAGAZINE BITES THE DUST

Another failure in the international ham radio marketplace. This, with the announcement that Australia's longest-running electronics magazine has ceased publication.

Victoria’s A-P-C News reports the current issue of Electronics Australia Today will be the last and it’s a decision saddens many V-K amateurs. This is because many generations grew up building equipment from circuits published in the magazine.

Electronics Australia Today traces its history back to Wireless Weekly, which started in 1922. Radio and Hobbies was formed out of Wireless Weekly in 1939. This was renamed Radio Television and Hobbies in the 1950s and Electronics Australia in 1965. (APC News)

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HAMVENTION 2002 UPDATE: HAMVENTION TO HONOR THOSE WHO PERISHED ON SEPTEMBER 11, 2001

The Dayton Amateur Radio Association will honor the memory of those killed in the September 11th terrorist attacks and the hams who then volunteered their services to the nation by dedicating the 2002 Hamvention to the theme of Emergency Preparedness. In a letter to potential vendors, the Hamvention Planning Committee said that it was very concerned over the terror attacks and believes that emphasizing the emergency communications aspect of ham radio was a very apropos way to honor those lost in the tragedy.

The letter also contained another rather surprising announcement. The Hamvention planners say that they will limit the number of non-ham radio booths normally purchased by those in the computer industry. In fact, the letter makes it clear that the only computer related vendors permitted to the inside display area will be those whose products directly relate to Amateur Radio.

This will be the 51st annual Hamvention. The venue remains the HARA Arena

just North-West of downtown Dayton. The dates are May 17th, 18th and 19th, 2002. More information is on the web at www.hamvention.org (DARA)

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RADIO MILESTONE: NRCDXAS AT #200

The National Radio Club's D-X Audio Service will have its 200th issue available this month. Founder and producer Fred Vobbe, W8HDU says he does not think that is a bad record for what he describes as a little audio based magazine talking about broadcast radio that was started in April 1985. We say, congratulations to Fred and to the National Radio Club's D-X Audio Service on this milestone. (W8HDU)

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BREAK 2

From the United States of America, we are the Amateur Radio Newsline, with links to the world from our only official website - www.arnewsline.org.

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OUR HERITAGE: HELP RESTORE THE LST-325 RADIO ROOM

Bob Wilder, AF2HD, is part of the team that's restoring the LST-325 Radio Room and he needs your help. Bob says that most of the radio equipment needed for the restoration of the radio room has been found. Also, they have received a donation from a trucking company in the east who is going to pack and ship the stuff on that side of the country and transport it to Mobile Alabama where the work is taking place.

Unfortunately, some of the gear is on the West Coast. It took $190,000 to perform all the work needed to repair the ships hull, front door and ramp, as well as to sandblast and paint the ship. As a result, cash is short.

Bob says that what's needed now is to receive a donation by some west coast trucker or person who can help getting the equipment out there packed and shipped eastward. At least as far as Dallas where the East coasts trucker can move it to Mobile.

Wilder says that Fred Chapman, W4CHT is coordinating the move. If you can help -- or at least direct the group to a trucking company willing to make such a donation, please contact W4CHT by e-mail to nnn0ppe@infi.net . Bob Wilder can be e-mailed at bwild@earthlink.net (AF2HD)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: HAM RADIO BALLOON LAUNCH DECEMBER 1ST

Arizona Near Space Research says that it will launch a ham radio carrying balloon on December 1st, weather permitting. The group had hoped to launch from a local hamfest but the urban location of the event is in enhanced Class B

airspace which is currently off limits. Instead, a monitoring station will be at the hamfest event. Full information on the flight can be found on the Superstition Amateur Radio Club website. It's in cyberspace at www.qsl.net/wb7tjd. (Superstition Amateur Radio Club)

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HAM RADIO IN SPACE: LOTS OF HAMS TALKING TO THE ISS

And while on the subject of Amateur Radio in space, hams world-wide are excited about being able to talk to the International Space Station fairly often these days. This is because Commander Frank Culbertson tries to get on the air for general Q-S-O's whenever he can. And he recently had one with Berto Willems, ON1CAU, who had his tape recorder rolling. Take a listen.

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ON1CAU says that contact took place at about 15:25 UTC during the recent Scouts Jamboree on the Air. And obviously signals were 5 9 full quieting – both ways. (ON1CAU, AMSAT BBS)

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SPACE EXPLORATION: 2001 A MARS ODYSSEY - A SUCCESS

NASA's 2001 Mars Odyssey spacecraft was safely inserted into orbit around the red planet on October 25 th. This, slighly over two years after the space agency suffered back-to-back failures by Mars missions.

Odyssey arrived nearly directly on its target - 480 miles above Mars' surface. No orbital insertion or areobraking problems were reported by ground controllers. 2001 - A Mars Odyssey is the space probe that hams had been invited to track when it was launched earlier this year. (NASA)

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INTERNATIONAL: NZART STRAIGHT KEY NIGHT

The first ever Straight Key Night in Kiwi-Land is slated to be held on the evening of Sunday November 4th. Operation will be limited to 80 Meters from 8pm until 11pm local New Zealand time.

The event is sponsored by the New Zealand's Amateur Radio Transmitters which says to lubricate that old Morse key and enjoy an evening of old time radio fun. NZART it will be an activity night in which everyone can be a winner with a certificate to prove it. For more information visit www.nzart.org.nz on the world wide web. (NZART)

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In D-X, Gary Halstead, K8KFJ in West Virginia reports a top notch trans-Atlantic QSO on 6 meters. On October 23rd at about 13:50 U-T-C Gary contacted CN8LI in gridsquare IM64. The Q-S-O took place on 50.130 MHz with K8KFJ running 100 watts to a M2 loop at only 20 feet. Gary lives in grid EM98 in the Charleston West Va. area. (VHF Reflector)

Also, Reid Hill, KC5YKX of Corpus Christi Texas says by way of the VHF Reflector that he will be doing VHF - UHF Century Club QSL card checking at the South Texas Amateur Radio Club annual Hamfest on November 10th. Reid also says that Mark Mireles, AD5CA will be doing the Worked All States checking at the same event. The Hamfest will be held at Swanter Park in Corpus Christi. Festivities start at 8:00 AM and go to at least after lunch. Contact Reid by e-mail to kc5ykx@swbell.ne if you need card checking but can not attend this event. (VHF Reflector)

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THAT FINAL ITEM: NEW LOOK TO THE G4NJH PAGES

And finally, a regular voice heard here on the Amateur Radio Newsline is that of Jeramy Boot, G4NJH, in Nottingham England. And over the past several years Jeramy has become known the world over as the Internet voice of the Radio Society of Great Britain's' weekly GB2RS newscast. But you may not know that Jeramy is also a webmaster in his own right. In fact he hosts a very popular U-K cyberspace address. We invited him to tell you a bit about its past and where it is today:

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Obviously the next question is where to find the G4NJH web pages. They are actually located at www.innotts.co.uk/~asperges. But don't worry if you did not have the time to copy it. Just go to the links page at www.arnewsline.org and click on G4NJH. (G4NJH)

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